

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims is intended to supercede all previously filed listings of claims. Changes are shown with deletions in ~~striketrough~~ and additions underlined.

Kindly enter the following amendments to the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A system ~~mounting structure for mounting a sports pole,~~ comprising:

a sports pole; and

a mounting structure for mounting said sports pole, said mounting structure comprising:

a ground sleeve, said ground sleeve configured to be mounted in the ground;

a support member mounted within said ground sleeve;

a bracket attachable to ~~the~~ said sports pole and engageable with said support member to support ~~the~~ said sports pole and inhibit rotation of ~~the~~ said sports pole; and

a collar having an aperture and at least one engagement section, the collar receiving ~~the~~ said sports pole through the aperture and the collar being positionable on ~~the~~ said sports pole above said bracket such that the at least one engagement section is engageable with said ground sleeve;

wherein said bracket includes a first protrusion and a second protrusion, the first protrusion and the second protrusion being positioned to receive said support member between the first protrusion and the second protrusion.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The ~~mounting structure~~ system according to claim 1, wherein said bracket comprises a first piece and a second piece, the first piece and second piece are secured together around ~~the~~ said sports pole and joined by fasteners located on opposite sides of ~~the~~ said sports pole.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended). The ~~mounting structure~~ system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~said~~ first protrusion and the second protrusion extend substantially below the upper

surface of said support member such that the first protrusion and the second protrusion inhibit rotation of ~~the~~ said sports pole.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended). The ~~mounting structure system~~ according to claim 1, wherein the collar further comprises at least two engagement sections of different sizes.

Claim 8 (currently amended). The ~~mounting structure system~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said sports pole supports a basketball goal.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The ~~mounting structure system~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said sports pole supports a volleyball net.